



# What on Earth!

Children's Catalogue Autumn 2024



With complete backlist  
including Britannica Books

# Welcome to the **What on Earth!** and **Britannica Books Children's Catalogue**

It's been 14 years since we founded What on Earth Publishing and in that time, we have published dozens of books to inspire children with a life-long love of learning.

This season we are reaffirming our commitment to this goal by refreshing the look and feel of our brand and logo. We call ourselves What on Earth! because our style of storytelling inspires different perspectives – experiencing the world in the spirit of wonder – and having a global view – all captured in three beautiful words – What on Earth!

So, What on Earth! do we have for you this autumn? Our flagship title *First Big Book of How Things Work* by Sally Symes, details more than 150 questions that most frequently burn through the insatiably curious minds of youngsters ages 5 and up. Spanning Space, Earth, Human Body, Animals and Machines, real experts are on hand in every chapter to answer questions ranging from how astronauts eat in space to how seeds sprout on Earth.

Another jaw-dropping book we are proud to present is *Open Wide!* – a roller coaster ride through the world of animal mouths! It's a classic What on Earth! idea to see the animal world through mouths rather than eyes. Our expert author, Dr Letizia Diamanti makes the ride endlessly fascinating with mouth-watering illustrations and gob-smacking photography!

We also present the continuation of *FACTopia* – that ground-breaking world of interconnected facts tied together with dotted-lines running through the pages and off the margins, allowing you to navigate through the book any way you like! With over 170,000 copies sold worldwide, we are delighted to be publishing our first paperback edition of the original *FACTopia!* and *Secret FACTopia!*, the seventh volume in the set. We all love secrets – and the world is full of them, as you will discover! You can also try to hunt down the 10 white mice, hidden somewhere in the hundreds of beautiful illustrations.

Please join with us to celebrate our fresh new look as we strive to inspire young people – and the adults in their lives – with a profound sense of wellbeing and joy, fuelled by a wonder about the incredible world in which we live.

Best wishes,

Christopher Lloyd

CEO, Founder, What on Earth Publishing

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SEPTEMBER

## First Big Book of How Things Work

The hidden workings of animals, machines, the body, nature, space and more!

Sally Symes, *Illustrated by* Kate Slater

5th SEPT 2024 • £20.00 • Hardback • 256 pp

5+ • 280 x 210 mm • 9781804661185



**A compendious and stunningly illustrated fact-filled book for children who have endless questions about how the world works.**

How do scientists see into space? How do we know what the dinosaurs looked like? How do chameleons change colour? How do bones grow? How do keys open locks? Featuring compelling questions about space, Earth, machines, buildings, animals and the human body, this magnificent book provides answers for every inquisitive child. By encouraging children to question the world around them, it supports STEAM learning and nurtures curious minds. With stunning photography and gorgeous original illustrations, including a host of helpful diagrams, this is the ultimate gift for kids who need to know everything – and now!







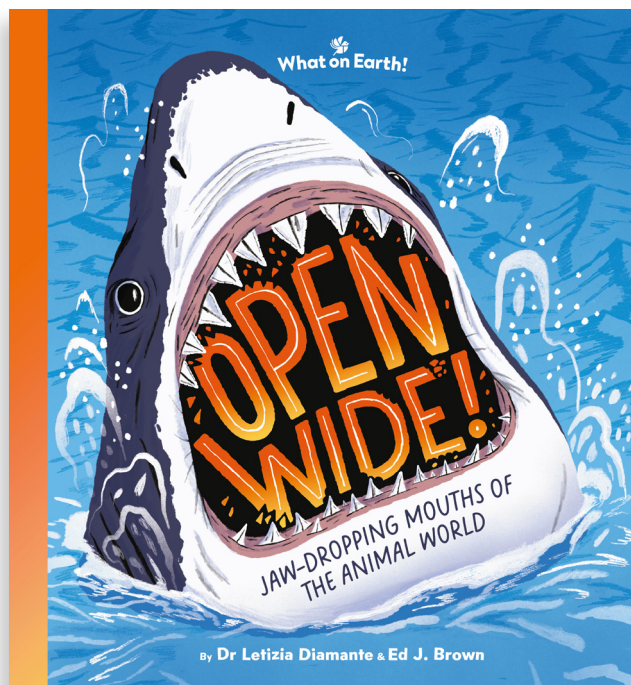
- Over 150 questions answered in clear and accessible ways.
- Features a lavish blend of specially commissioned illustrations, detailed diagrams showing just how things work, and full colour photography.
- Every chapter contains two 'Tell me... NOW!' quickfire questions spreads, which offer snappy and memorable answers to a child's most pressing questions.
- Every spread has been thoroughly fact-checked and reviewed by subject experts.

## AUTHOR

**Sally Symes** designed children's books for many years, before turning her skills to writing them. Her collaborations with Nick Sharratt have won several awards, including The Educational Writers' Award for *The Gooney, Chewy, Rumble, Plop Book* and she is the author of the bestselling *Britannica First Big Book of Why*.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**Kate Slater** studied illustration at Kingston University and creates mixed media collage illustrations. Her children's books include *Britannica First Big Book of Why*, *A is for Ant*, *ABC London* and many more. Alongside her work as an illustrator, she has also created large-scale installations and window displays.



SEPTEMBER

## Open Wide!

**Jaw-dropping mouths of the animal world**

Dr Letizia Diamante, *Illustrated by* Ed J. Brown

5th SEP 2024 • £15.99 • Hardback • 64 pp

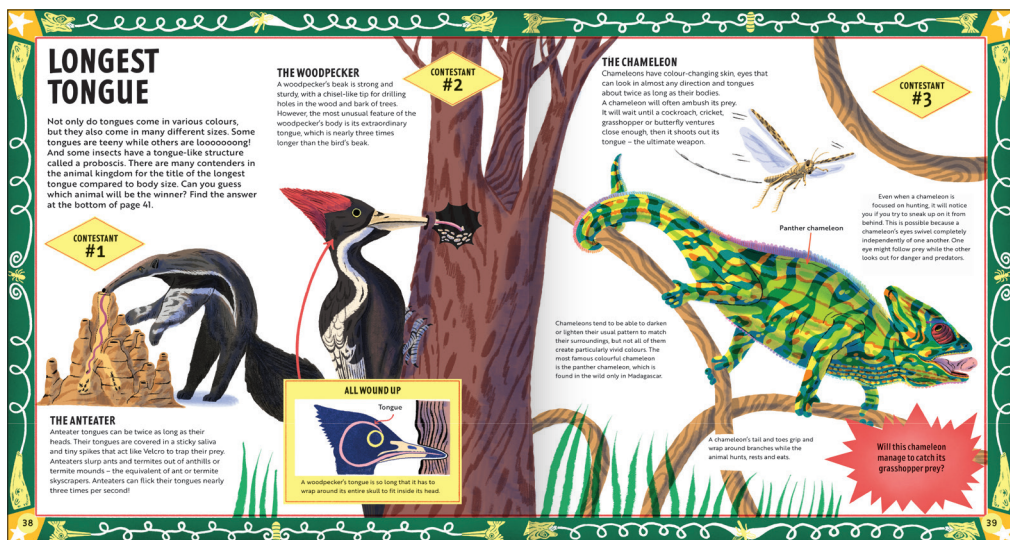
7+ • 280 x 260 mm • 9781804661352



**Join scientist Dr Letizia Diamante to chomp your way through pages of facts about the most astonishing mouths, teeth, cheeks and tongues in the animal kingdom.**

From the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail, you'll explore the world's most marvellous mouths. Some animals sport tongues longer than their bodies, others have super-sticky spit that can snare insects. And animals use their mouths for more than eating. They use them to carry food or babies, to build homes or even to climb waterfalls! Learn all about these amazing body parts that are often overlooked, even though they're right under our noses!





- A feast for all those children who can't get enough of sharks, big cats and other toothy predators.
- Children aged 7+ are especially aware of their own mouths as they lose their milk teeth and have adult teeth grow in their place. *Open Wide!* compares their teeth to those of their favourite animals (and some super weird ones, too).
- Author Dr Letizia Diamante is a scientist and science communicator with a knack for sharing cutting-edge information in a playful, wow-worthy way that is sure to engage budding young scientists.
- Stylish illustrations on every page and photographic zoom-ins bring the stories and facts to life.
- A sneaky lesson in diversity, *Open Wide!* illuminates the striking range of equipment animals carry in their mouths.

## AUTHOR

**Dr Letizia Diamante** is a science communicator and children's writer. After her PhD in Biochemistry, she worked for a variety of organisations, including CERN and the University of Cambridge. She enjoys writing, taking photos, presenting at schools, organising events at science festivals and visiting science museums.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**Ed J. Brown** is a digital illustrator specialising in overlaid colours and messy textures. He has worked with clients such as *Readers' Digest*, *EasyJet* and *Tabasco*. He is a regular contributor to *Aquila Magazine* and released his first book, *Epic Animal Journeys*, in 2022. He loves history, folk art and drawing animals in hats.



JULY

## Secret FACTopia! Follow the trail of 400 hidden facts

Paige Towler, *Illustrated by* Andy Smith

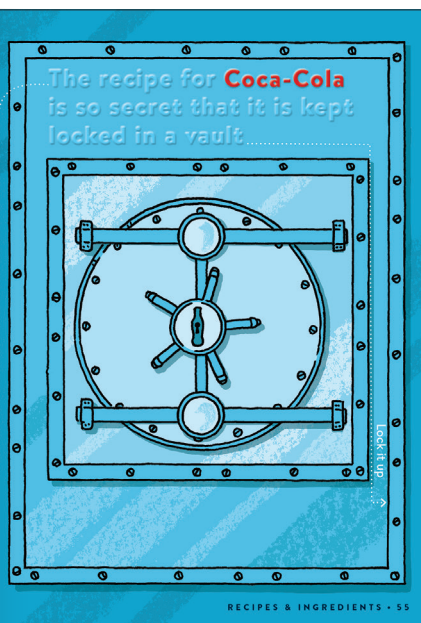
4th JULY 2024 • £10.99 • Hardback • 208 pp  
207 x 153 mm • 8+ • 9781804661079



**Discover facts about hidden treasure, invisibility cloaks lost cities, spy gadgets and more in this new addition to Britannica's bestselling FACTopia! series.**

On this ingenious trail of 400 facts, you'll meet an underwear-stealing cat, find out about sharks that glow, uncover a toilet in disguise and learn about the biggest ever game of hide-and-seek. And the facts aren't the only secrets in this book, for hidden amongst the illustrations are ten mice waiting to be found! Lavishly illustrated, with both artwork and photography, and verified by experts at Encyclopaedia Britannica, *Secret FACTopia!* sheds light on some of the world's most amazing 'hidden' facts.





- Explores 400 of the most captivating classified facts with light-touch wit and humour.
- Perfect for children who love cracking codes, unearthing historical mysteries, learning about scientific discoveries and so much more.
- Features its very own Search and Find activity, with 10 mice hidden throughout the book, offering another way for readers to engage.
- Great for reluctant readers.



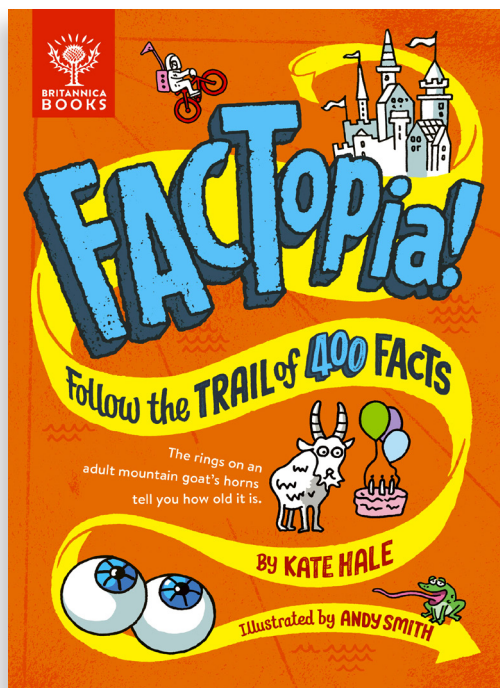
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for more in  
this series!

## AUTHOR

**Paige Towler** is an author and editor based in Washington, D.C., USA. A former editor for National Geographic Kids Books, she writes poetry about animals doing yoga, weird facts about the world and silly stories about snakes and bats.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**Andy Smith** is an award-winning illustrator who studied illustration at the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create humour and energy, executed with a handmade feel. He lives in Hastings, East Sussex.



AUGUST

## FACTopia! Follow the trail of 400 facts

Written by Paige Towler, Illustrated by Andy Smith

1st Aug 2024 • £8.99 • Paperback • 208 pp  
207 x 153 mm • 8+ • 9781804661611



### The original, bestselling FACTopia!, now in paperback!

Did you know that a squid has a brain shaped like a doughnut? Or that some butterflies drink turtle tears? Welcome to *FACTopia!*, a world of perfectly amazing facts, all verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica! Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information. Hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways, and discover extraordinary facts about space, dinosaurs, spiders, crocodiles, sharks, Ancient Rome, pharaohs and more. But there's not just one trail through these pages: sometimes your path branches and you can choose to jump to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Discover where your curiosity will take you!



- This is the first time *FACTopia!* will be published in paperback.
- The *FACTopia!* series has sold over 170,000 copies globally.
- Forms innovative and unexpected connections between topics as varied as space, bones, dinosaurs, spiders, crocodiles, robots, kings and queens, pharaohs and more!
- Every fact has been rigorously checked and verified by the experts at Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Includes over 300 colour illustrations
- Great for reluctant readers

## AUTHOR

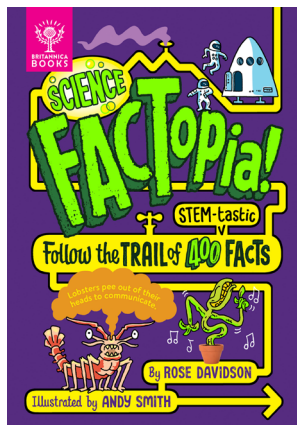
**Kate Hale** is a writer, editor and professional fun fact finder. She has been an executive editor for National Geographic Kids' Books. She also co-created and hosted the award-winning kids radio program *The Weird But True Show*. She now lives in Virginia, USA, with her husband and rescue dog.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**Andy Smith** is an award-winning illustrator who studied illustration at the Royal College of Art, London. His work combines illustration and typography to create humour and energy, executed with a handmade feel. He lives in Hastings, East Sussex.

# FACTopia! Series

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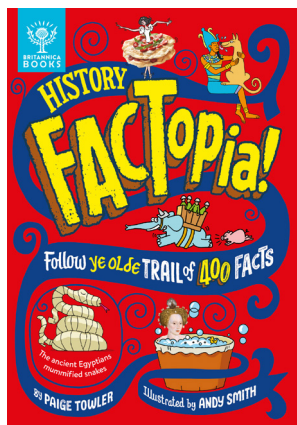
## Science FACTopia!

Rose Davidson • Andy Smith

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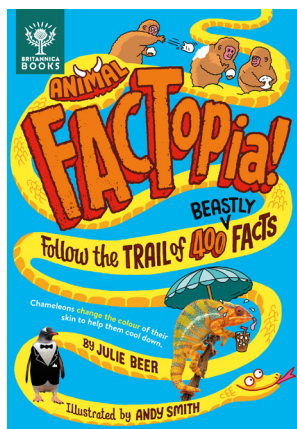
Paige Towler • Andy Smith

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eBook: 9781804660935

‘An enthralling and hilarious journey into the past.’  
**Lancashire Evening Post**



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## Animal FACTopia!

Julie Beer • Andy Smith

APR 2023 • £10.99 • HB • 208 pp  
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eBook: 9781804660782

‘Inquisitive minds will be bowled over by this  
brilliant animal compendium.’  
**WRD Magazine**



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## Gross FACTopia!

Paige Towler • Andy Smith

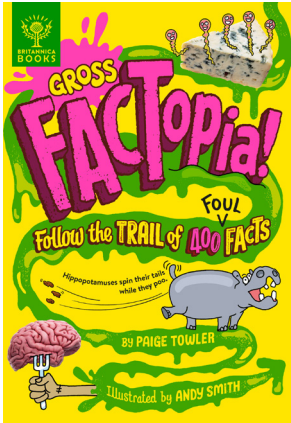
SEP 2022 • £10.99 • HB • 208 pp  
207 x 153 mm • 8+ • 9781913750671  
eBook: 9781804660362

*'This compendium of foul facts is gruesomely captivating – its bright, splashy, inviting pages should appeal strongly to (gross) trivia 7+ fans.'*

**Imogen Russell Williams,  
*The Guardian***



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## Return to FACTopia!

Kate Hale • Andy Smith

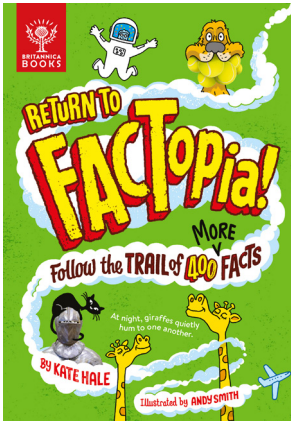
MAR 2022 • £10.99 • HB • 208 pp  
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*'Every fact is linked to the next in a trivia treasure trail you'll return to again and again. [...] Adults and children alike will find themselves dipping into it for years to come.'*

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## FACTopia!

Kate Hale • Andy Smith

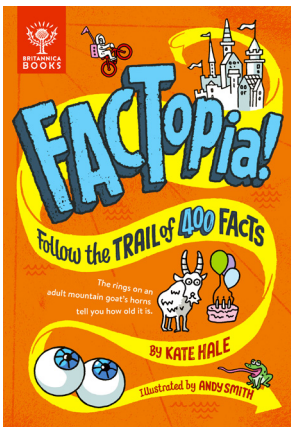
MAY 2021 • £10.99 • HB • 208 pp  
207 x 153 mm • 8+ • 9781912920709

*'This coruscating cornucopia of extraordinary facts is truly a fun and fact-filled reading adventure.'*

**Pam Norfolk, *Lancashire Evening Post***



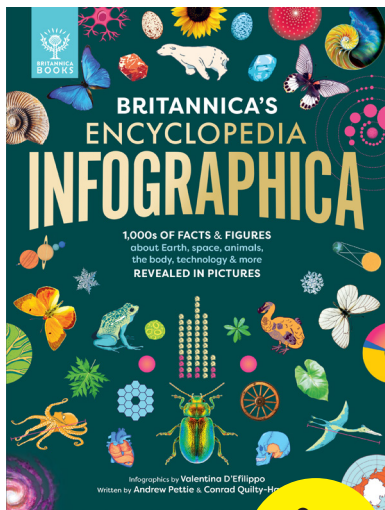
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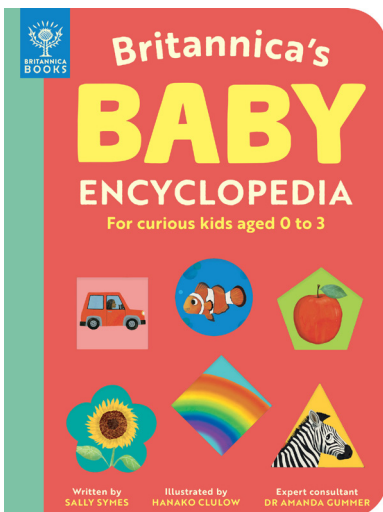
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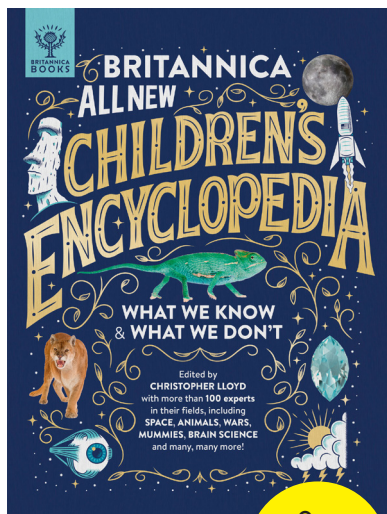
For curious kids aged 0 to 3

Sally Symes • Hanako Clulow

The first-ever Britannica Encyclopedia  
for children under three, in a beautifully  
illustrated, large-format board book,  
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**Wall Street Journal**



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Christopher Lloyd  
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**National Geographic Kids Magazine**



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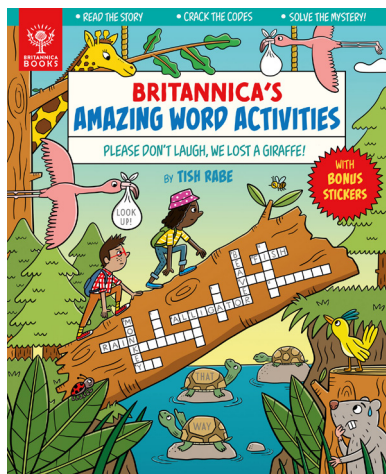
This luxury, limited, collector's edition features a slipcase, gold page-edges, ribbons, and a numbered (1 of 500) book plate signed by Christopher Lloyd.

NOV 2020 • £50.00 • HB • 424 pp  
280 x 210 mm • 8+ • 9781913750046

*'The ideal gift for curious minds.'*  
**The Sunday Express**

*'A must have for every family bookshelf.'*  
**The Telegraph**

# Britannica's Amazing Word Activities Series



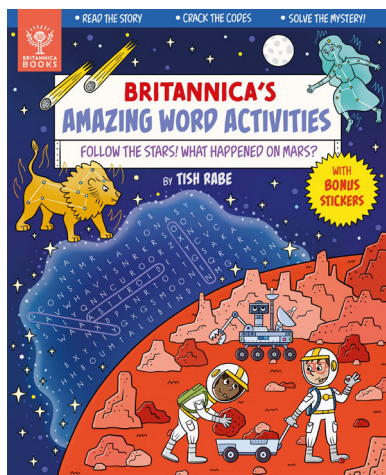
## Britannica's Amazing Word Activities: Please Don't Laugh, We Lost a Giraffe!

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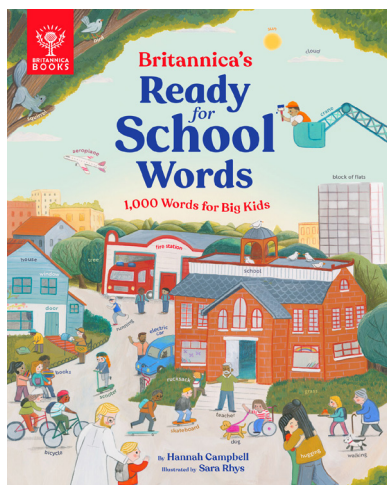
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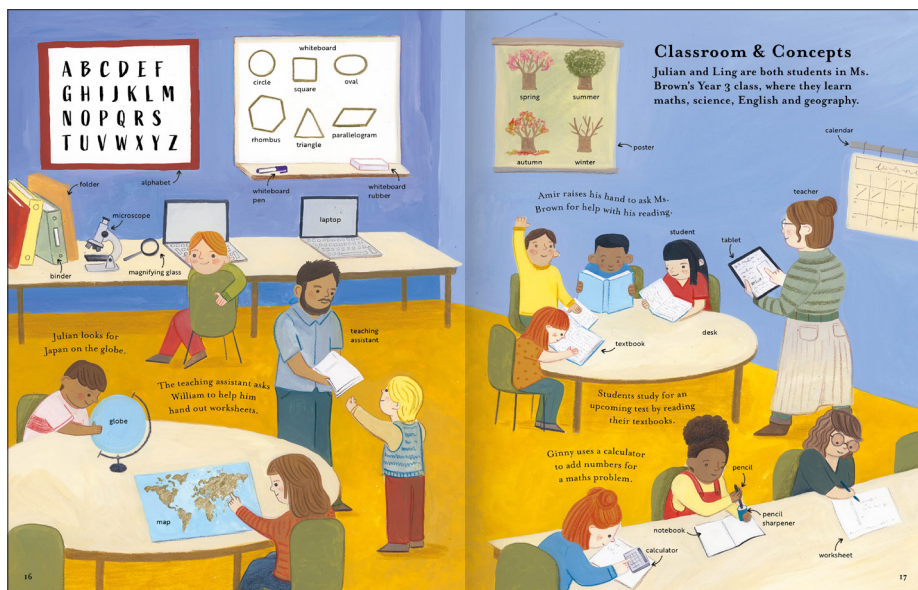
*'Lovely book for introducing vocabulary.'*  
**Waterstones Customer Review**



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# 5-Minute Really True Stories Series



## Britannica's 5-Minute Really True Stories for Family Time

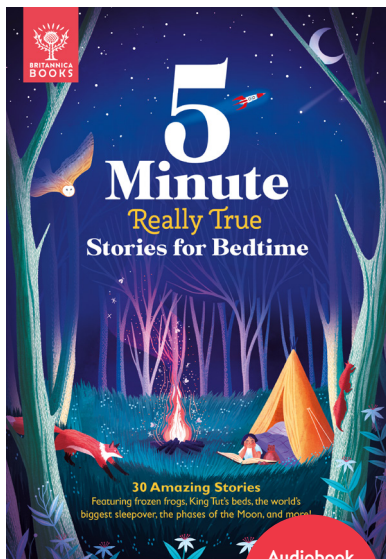
30 amazing stories featuring baby dinosaurs, helpful dogs, playground science, family reunions, a world of birthdays and much more!

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Sally Symes, Rachel Valentine, Jackie McCann and Jen Arena

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OCT 2020 • £12.99 • HB • 192 pp  
267 x 197 mm • 4+ • 9781912920648  
Audiobook: 9781913750008

*'Nonfiction lovers will enjoy these short and intriguing pieces about the night: the starry skies, record-breaking beds, space travel, nocturnal jobs and animals.'*

*The Times*

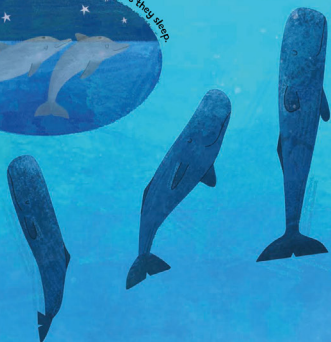


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Did you know that dolphins and whales can drown? Strange, considering they spend their entire lives at sea. But these marine mammals need to breathe air into their lungs, just as we do. Instead of breathing through their mouth or nose, they use a special nostril on top of their heads called a blowhole. They bob up to the surface of the water and blow the old air out of the hole, before sucking new air in. Then the blowhole shuts tight so they don't get water in their lungs and drown, and back down they go! But unlike humans, dolphins and whales have to stay alert and think before they breathe, or they may accidentally suck in water instead of air.

Dolphins float like logs at the water's surface as they sleep.



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So how do they have a rest? Well, they let only half of their brain go to sleep. The other half stays awake so that they can continue to breathe and remain alert to danger. And these clever creatures close only one eye at a time when they sleep, swapping sides every two hours for a total of eight hours altogether.

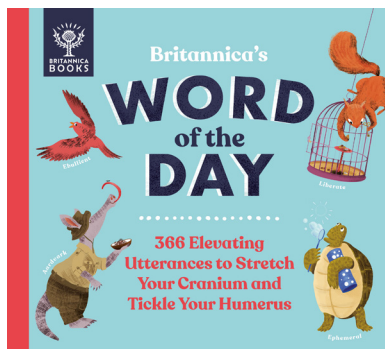
Sometimes, dolphins float near the surface of the water without moving much as they sleep, which allows them to breathe easily through their blowholes. This position is called 'logging' because the dolphins look like floating logs.



In 2008, scientists were surprised to discover a pod – that's the name for a group of whales – sleeping upright on their tails. Some were even sleeping upside down! The bus-sized sperm whales appeared to be taking 10- to 15-minute naps without moving or breathing.

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## Britannica's Word of the Day 366 Elevating Utterances to Stretch Your Cranium and Tickle Your Humerus

Illustrated by Josy Bloggs, Emily Cox,  
James Gibbs and Liz Kay

Britannica's Word of the Day builds  
knowledge one day at a time with 366  
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## Britannica's 150 First Words

Claire Laties Davis • Kasia Dudziuk

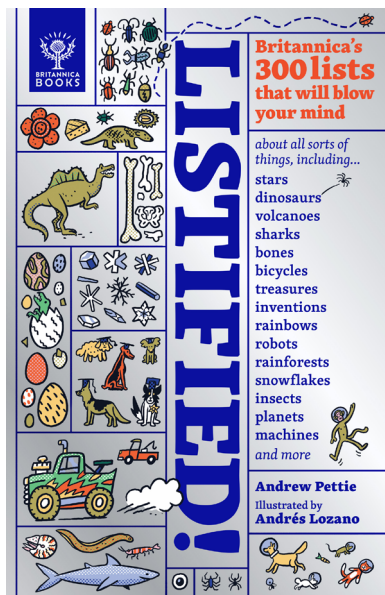
Give toddlers the gift of language with  
words and short phrases to say all day  
long from the experts at Britannica.

NOV 2021 • £8.99 • Boardbook • 24 pp  
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## Listified!

Britannica's 300 lists that will blow your mind.

Andrew Pettie • Andrés Lozano

Britannica's gloriously geeky guide to the universe, with hundreds of lists that will keep children and their grown-ups absorbed for hours.

JUL 2021 • £20.00 • HB • 416 pp  
280 x 180 mm • 8+ • 9781912920747

'A treasure trove of fun and fantastic facts.'

Michael Morpurgo

'Listified! is the ultimate 'Dip In and Learn Something' book. It has everything you need to know – and a million things you'd be delighted to discover.'

Dara Ó Briain



## Britannica First Big Book of Why

The ultimate book of answers for kids who need to know WHY!

Sally Symes and Stephanie Drimmer • Kate Slater

The definitive and stunningly illustrated question and answer book from Britannica, with answers to more than 100 questions that kids really want to know.

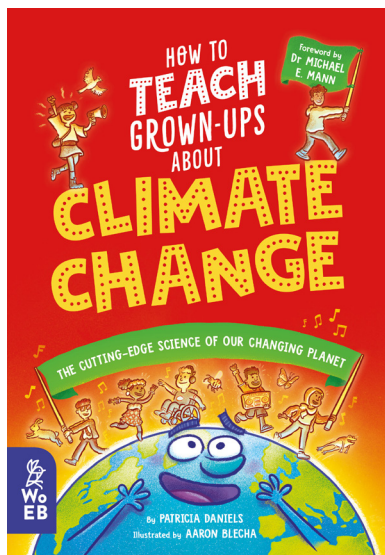
OCT 2021 • £20.00 • HB • 272 pp  
280 x 210 mm • 4+ • 9781913750411

'The perfect resource for curious kids (and their bamboozled parents), Britannica First Big Book of Why answers all those essential questions about the world around us in a fun, vibrant way.'

Mark Skinner, The Waterstones Round Up:  
October's Best Children's Books 2021

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## How to Teach Grown-Ups Series



### How to Teach Grown-ups about Climate Change

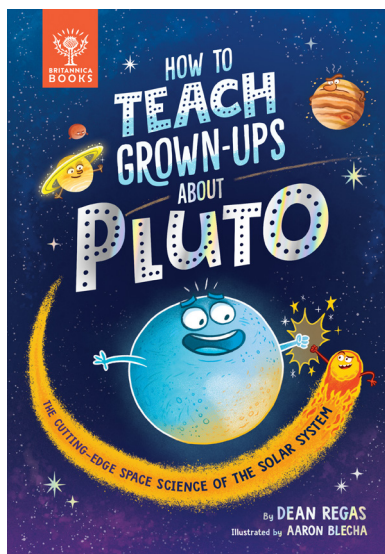
The cutting-edge science of our changing planet

Patricia Daniels,

*Illustrated by Aaron Blecha*

A witty guide to the science behind climate change, which puts kids in charge. Featuring a foreword by internationally renowned climate scientist Dr Michael E. Mann.

MAR 2024 • £9.99 • HB • 112 pp •  
8+ • 216 x 152 mm • 9781804660300



### How to Teach Grown-ups about Pluto

The cutting-edge space science of the solar system

Dean Regas • Aaron Blecha

A witty guide to Pluto's discovery and demotion, which puts kids in charge.

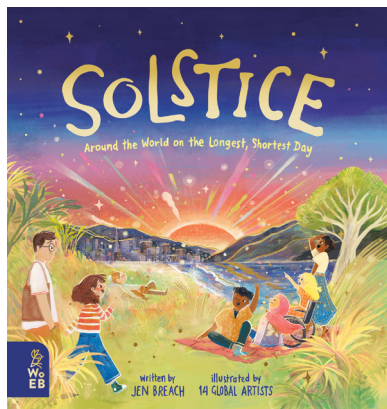
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*'So cool and utterly brilliant. If this book doesn't get youngsters interested in astronomy then I might have to eat my own copy, timeline and all.'*

Jill Bennett, RedReading Hub

BACKLIST





## Solstice

Around the World on the  
Longest, Shortest Day

Jen Breach,

*Illustrated by 14 global artists*

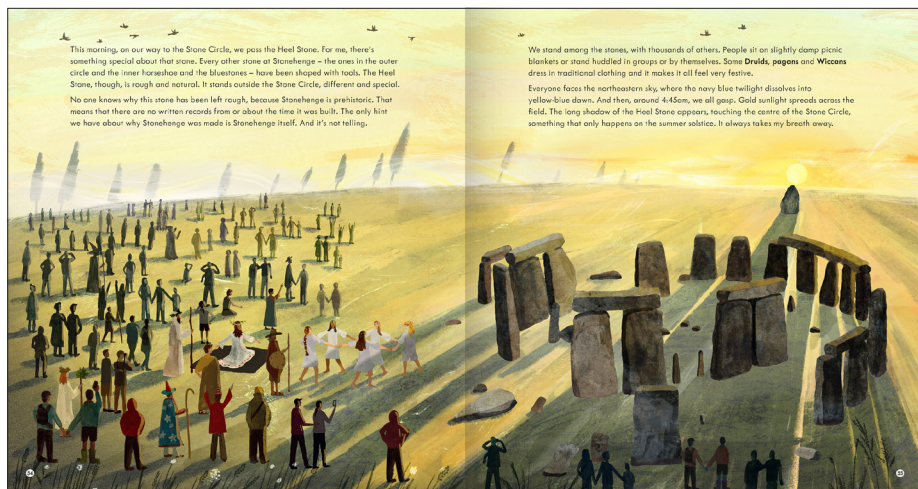
Explore the daily lives of children around the world on the June solstice. Learn some words in their language along with how they celebrate and what they like to eat. Featuring 14 countries, with each section created by a local illustrator.

MAY 2024 • £15.99 • HB • 64 pp

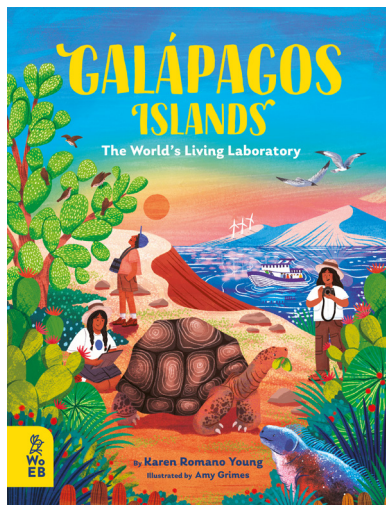
7+ • 265 x 250 mm • 9781913750770



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## Galápagos Islands The World's Living Laboratory

Karen Romano Young • Amy Grimes

Welcome to the Galápagos, a pristine archipelago in the Pacific Ocean, where locals and visiting scientists work and live among giant tortoises, salt-snorting iguanas, diving penguins and erupting volcanoes.

APR 2024 • £15.99 • HB • 64 pp  
280 x 216 mm • 10+ • 9781804661147







# Antarctica The Melting Continent

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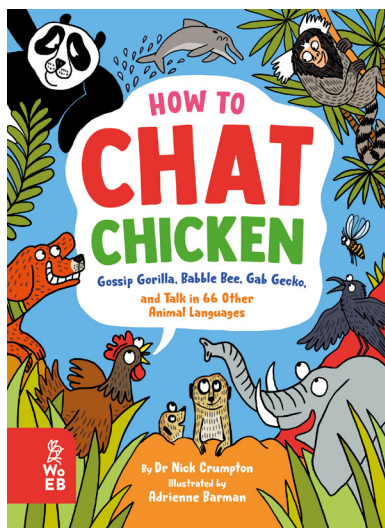
Explore a frozen continent full of incredible animals, places, people and stories.

APR 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 64 pp  
280 x 216 mm • 8+ • 9781913750527



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animated book trailer!





## How to Chat Chicken Gossip Gorilla, Babble Bee, Gab Gecko and Talk in 66 Other Animal Languages

Dr Nick Crumpton • Adrienne Barman

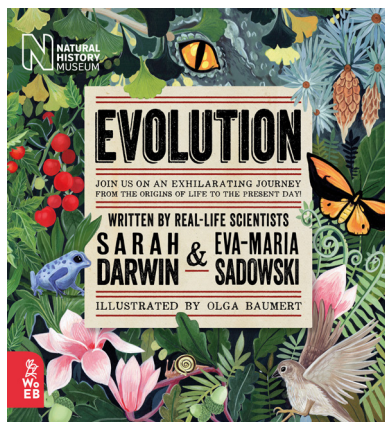
It's time to talk on the wild side! Learn how to chat chicken, gossip with gorillas, mumble with meerkats, warble with whales and much more.

OCT 2023 • £12.99 • HB • 128 pp  
207 x 153 mm • 7+ • 9781804660423  
eBook: 9781804660973

*'A fun, funny, informative book with hilarious illustrations.'*

**Scotsman on Sunday**

*'[For] junior Doctor Dolittles.'*  
**Imogen Russell Williams,**  
**The Guardian**



## Evolution

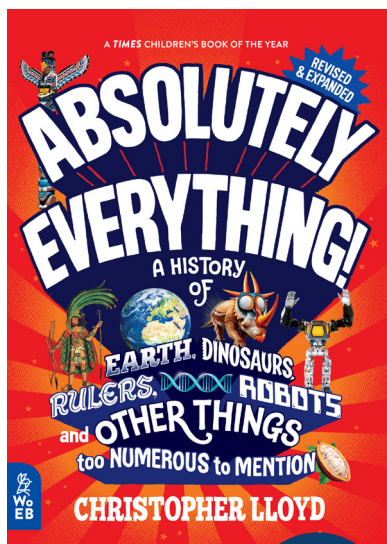
Dr Sarah Darwin and Dr Eva-Maria Sadowski • Olga Baumert

Discover the story of life on Earth and how it came to be, with real-life scientists Sarah Darwin and Eva-Maria Sadowski.

SEP 2023 • £16.99 • HB • 64 pp  
280 x 260 mm • 8+ • 9781912920532  
eBook: 9781804660997

*'An awesome experts guide packed with information and amazing artwork.'*

**WRD Magazine**



Audiobook  
narrated by  
James  
Macnaughton

## Absolutely Everything! Revised and Expanded

A History of Earth, Dinosaurs,  
Rulers, Robots and Other Things  
too Numerous to Mention

Christopher Lloyd • Andy Forshaw

The most remarkable true stories of all time  
and from around the world brought vividly  
to life – from the Big Bang right up to the  
present day.

OCT 2023 • £20.00 • HB • 416 pp

248 x 184 mm • 10+ • 9781804660751

eBook: 9781804660812

Audiobook: 9781804661345

*'Absolutely Everything! is absolutely amazing. It  
manages to explain our entire world history in an  
informed, entertaining and truly accessible way.'*

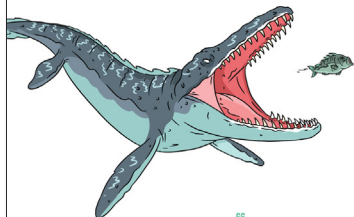
**Jacqueline Wilson**

*'A perfect gift for any fact-loving youngster.'*  
**The Sun**

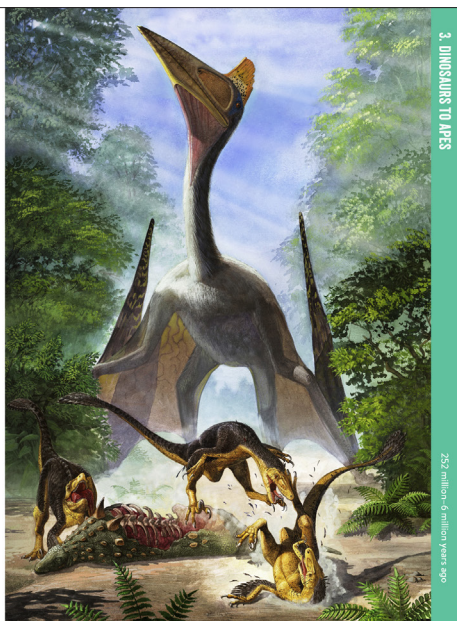
Actually dinosaurs are alive and well today. But don't panic.  
There aren't any cloned *T. Rexes* marauding around the countryside.  
Only the descendants of dinosaurs that had flying feathers are still  
alive. It's just that we call them birds.

While dinosaurs ruled the land, other types of animals  
dominated the ocean and skies. Giant sharks, underwater crocodile  
ancestors and nightmarish marine reptiles prowled the seas  
gobbling up squid and fish. And in the skies, flying reptiles called  
pterosaurs swooped and glided. The smallest were the size of  
a pigeon and the largest were as large as a small airplane, with  
wingspans up to 12 metres. The best known of these monsters is  
*Quetzalcoatlus*, though new finds have  
begun to challenge it for the title of  
largest flying reptile of all time.

*Quetzalcoatlus (below) was a giant 12-metre-  
long predatory marine reptile with razor-  
sharp teeth. *Megaraptor rex thomasi*  
(right) is known from just two fossils  
found in Romania. Based on their size,  
scientists think this creature might have  
been the largest pterosaur ever discovered.*

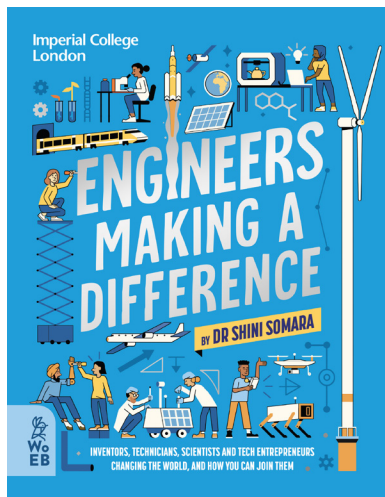


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3. DINOSAURS TO APES

250 million - 6 million years ago



## Engineers Making A Difference Inventors, Technicians, Scientists and Tech Entrepreneurs Changing the World, and How You Can Join Them

Dr Shini Somara • Manual Šumberac and  
Adam Allsuch Boardman

Meet 46 engineers who are changing our  
world. Find out what makes them tick and  
how they create awe-inspiring technologies  
to improve our lives.

MAR 2023 • £16.99 • HB • 224 pp  
236 x 186 mm • 12+ • 9781804660270  
eBook: 9781804660705

*'This book is accessible,  
inspiring and inclusive.'*  
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2024 for Information 3-14+

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UK LITERACY ASSOCIATION



### Katriya Sabin

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER  
**WORKING TO MAKE FUSION ENERGY A REALITY**

There are two different ways to create nuclear energy: fission and fusion. In fission, atoms are split apart. In fusion, they are smashed together so that they merge. Both processes release enormous amounts of energy. Although fission is a great source of carbon-free energy, it creates lots of radioactive waste. Fusion, on the other hand, has the potential to create even more sustainable energy, but with very little waste. Sounds great, right? But there's just one problem: we are still working out how to create fusion energy here on Earth!

Fusion is very common out in space – it is the process by which the Sun, and all other stars, get their energy. Engineers have been working on ways to capture and use the energy from fusion on Earth for decades. It's a huge challenge to replicate the conditions of the Sun on Earth. Katriya Sabin is working on a new way to harness fusion energy that avoids the difficulties others have faced.

#### HOW DID YOU END UP WORKING IN FUSION ENERGY?

As a child I spent a lot of time thinking and creating. I was fascinated by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN (see page 201 for more information) on the Swiss-French border. I remember when it was about to be switched on and it felt like the world was waiting to see what would happen. In primary school I joined an after-school science club, run by a very kind and enthusiastic retired engineer. I learnt to solder, which is where you join two things together using molten metal. This seemingly simple engineering process blew my mind, especially after learning that the LHC had temporarily stopped because of a soldering issue.

*"Arts and STEM truly were the only subjects I felt passionate about at school. I wanted to find a career where these subjects overlapped, and engineering seemed to be the answer."*

Katriya Sabin

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## Human Kindness

### True Stories of Compassion and Generosity that Changed the World

John Francis • Josy Bloggs

Be inspired by incredible stories of kindness from around the world and throughout history.

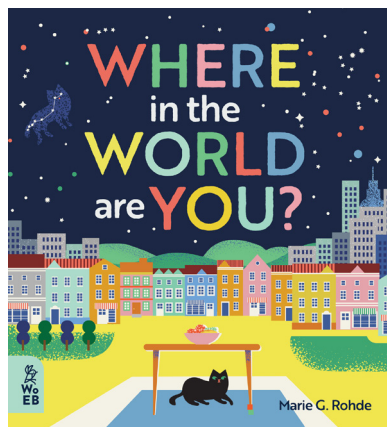
SEP 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 64 pp  
280 x 260 mm • 8+ • 9781912920310  
eBook: 9781804660348

*'Be they large or small, acts of kindness make the world a better place so, with its warm, bright illustrations by Josy Bloggs, this is a book that I'd like to see in primary classrooms and on family bookshelves.'*

**Jill Bennett, RedReading Hub**

*'I loved this book very much. Every school and home should own it.'*

**Cat Anderson,  
The Edinburgh Bookshop**



## Where in the World Are You?

Marie G. Rohde

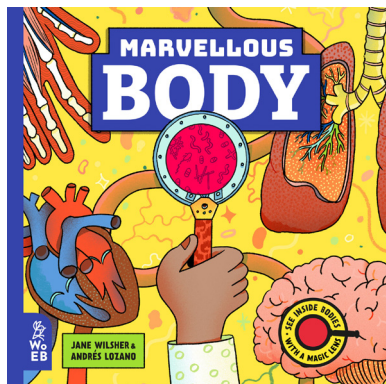
A colourful, joyful and playful exploration of our world, and our place within it.

SEP 2022 • £11.99 • HB • 48 pp •  
280 x 240 mm • 5+ • 9781913750756  
eBook: 9781804660386

*'Lovely ... features a nice bold font which is easy to read and cute and colourful pictures.'*

**BookTrust**

## Marvellous Magic Lens Series



### Marvellous Body A Magic Lens Book

Jane Wilsher • Andrés Lozano

Reveal the incredible inner workings  
of the human body.

MAY 2022 • £14.99 • HB/Novelty • 48 pp  
250 x 250 mm • 7+ • 9781913750572

*'Ingenious use of a magic lens to highlight  
the inner workings of our bodies and  
inspire young minds!'*

**Reading Corner**



### Marvellous Machines A Magic Lens Book

Jane Wilsher • Andrés Lozano

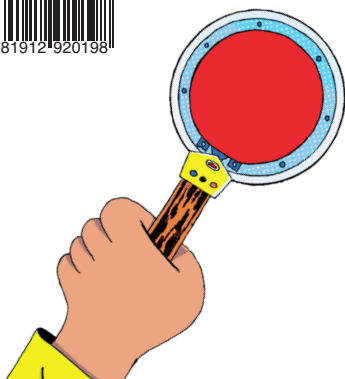
Reveal the inner workings of the  
incredible machines all around us.

FEB 2021 • £14.99 • HB/Novelty • 48 pp  
250 x 250 mm • 7+ • 9781912920198

*'The cleverly designed hardback lets children  
explore the workings of familiar and unfamiliar  
scenes... A great way to encourage reading for  
retrieval and comprehension in reluctant and less  
able upper KS2 readers.'*

**The School Reading List**

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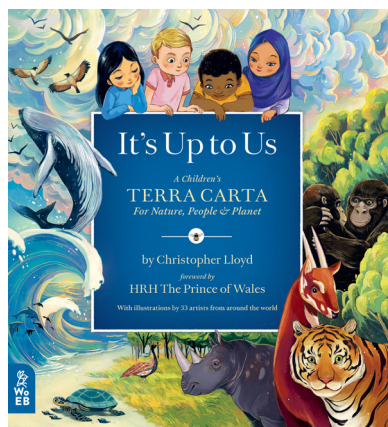
Machines



Body



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## It's Up to Us

A Children's Terra Carta for Nature, People and Planet

Christopher Lloyd • Multiple illustrators

**'Children have a unique curiosity for Nature and for this amazing planet we call home.' – His Majesty King Charles III**

NOV 2021 • £16.99 • HB • 64 pp  
280 x 260 mm • 6+ • 9781913750558

*'A triumph, both in terms of the poetically rendered text, and the emotional impact of the hugely contrasting illustration styles on display.'*

**The School Reading List**

*'This is a beautiful, poignant and important book at what feels like a crucial moment in history.'*

**BookTrust**



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animated book trailer!



## Earth is Big

A Book of Comparisons

Steve Tomecek • Marcos Farina

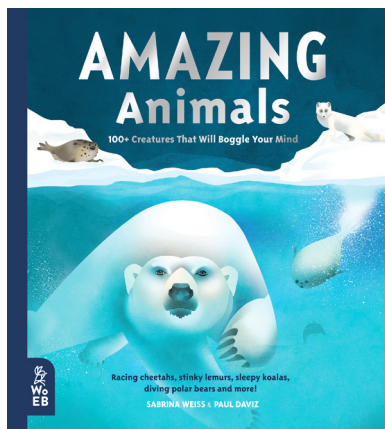
**Find out how unique planet Earth really is in this eye-catching book of comparisons.**

SEP 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 321 x 257 mm  
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920334

*'Earth Is Big shows what an amazing planet we live on ... this is a perfect volume for switching young minds on to the world around them.'*

**Robin Brooks, GeekDad**

## Amazing World Series



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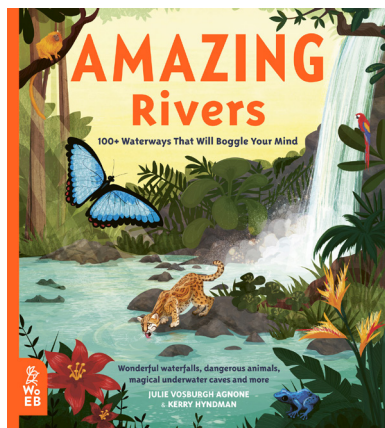
### Amazing Animals

100+ Creatures That Will Boggle Your Mind

Sabrina Weiss • Paul Daviz

Record breaking tongues, playful dolphins, sleepy koalas – animals come in all sorts of weird and wonderful shapes and sizes.

FEB 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm  
64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920358



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### Amazing Rivers

100+ Waterways That Will Boggle Your Mind

Julie Vosburgh Agnone • Kerry Hyndman

A fact-filled, celebration of Earth's waterways. Discover religious celebrations, stunning waterfalls and weird wildlife.

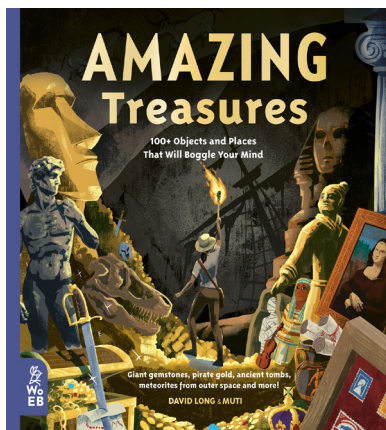
AUG 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm  
64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920259

*'If you fancy a thrilling voyage down the world's most extraordinary rivers, open the pages of this brilliant book and discover over one hundred stunning waterways! This is the perfect book for fearless adventurers and young eco-warriors!'*

**Lancashire Post**







## Amazing Treasures

### 100+ Objects and Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

David Long • Studio Muti

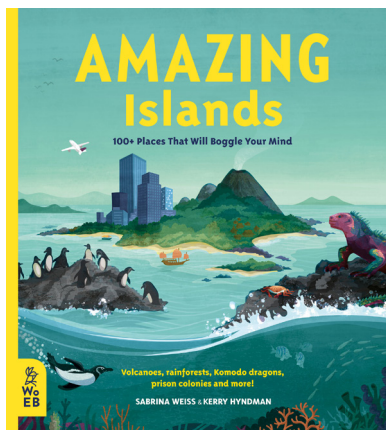
Discover 100+ of the world's most extraordinary human-made and natural treasures, objects and places.

FEB 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm

64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920495

*'An absolutely fascinating read for anyone aged 7+.'*

**Library Girl and Book Boy**



## Amazing Islands

### 100+ Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

Sabrina Weiss • Kerry Hyndman

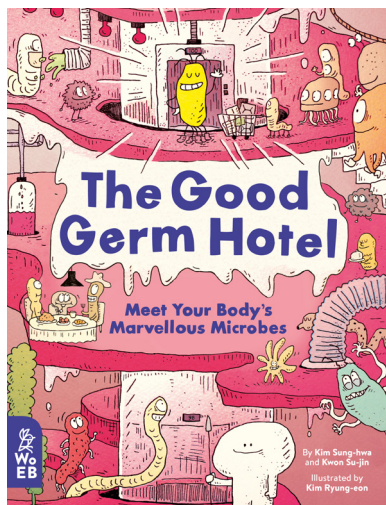
A fact-filled, colourful celebration of island wildlife, history and culture, with volcanoes, rainforests, Komodo dragons and more!

JUN 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm

64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920150

*'Entertaining celebration of island diversity, wildlife, history, treasures and cultures.'*

**Lancashire Post**



## The Good Germ Hotel

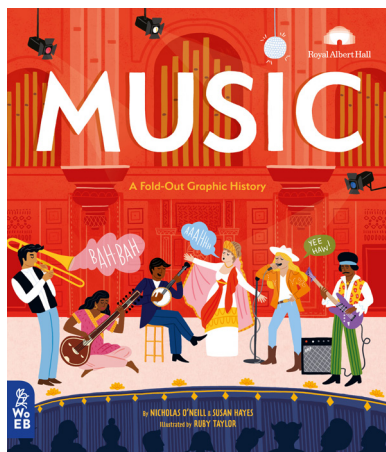
### Meet Your Body's Marvellous Microbes

Kim Sung-hwa and Kwon Su-jin • Kim Ryung-eon

In a world of COVID-19, bad germs and bacteria are all around us. But, not all germs are bad!

MAR 2021 • £12.99 • HB • 265 x 210 mm  
48 pp • 6+ • 9781913750152

*'Full of surprising details about gut health and immunity, with lots of quirky pictures to enjoy.'*  
**BookTrust**



## Music

### A Fold-Out Graphic History

Nicholas O'Neill and Susan Hayes • Ruby Taylor

Follow this unique 2.5 metre fold-out timeline through the history of music.

NOV 2020 • £14.99 • HB • 294 x 249 mm  
22 pp • 9+ • 9781999967932

*'A glorious concertina of music history from the earliest gourd instruments right up to AI composers – wide-ranging, colourful and absorbing.'*

**Imogen Russell Williams, *The Guardian***



## Space Maps Your Tour of the Universe

Lara Albanese • Tommaso Vidus Rosin

Take a journey through space as you study the stars and constellations before venturing out into the solar system and beyond.

SEP 2020 • £18.99 • HB • 370 x 270 mm  
96 pp • 8+ • 9781912920556

*'This is a most impressive galactic guide. The size of this book demands attention – the double page spreads are almost like posters ... A superb volume that creates awe and wonder, informs and inspires.'*

**Brenda Marshall, The English Association**

*'Wonderfully clear and enticing illustrations. It is a visual feast of fabulous colours and inventive diagrams.'*

**George McMahon, The School Librarian**



## Every Second

100 Lightning Strikes, 8,000 Scoops of Ice Cream, 200,000 Text Messages, 3 Million Litres of Cow Burps ... and Other Incredible Things That Happen Each Second Around the World

Bruno Gibert

This striking portrait of our world by the numbers makes statistics fun and accessible to children and their grown-ups

MAY 2020 • £12.99 • HB • 280 x 195 mm  
56 pp • 5+ • 9781912920297

*'There is something in here to tickle everyone's imagination!'*

**Teach Early Years Magazine**

## ZOOM Series



### ZOOM Building Site Adventure

Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

NOV 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920419



### ZOOM Farm Adventure

Susan Hayes • Aviel Basil

NOV 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920433



Shortlisted for BookTrust's  
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### ZOOM Rainforest Adventure

Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

APR 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

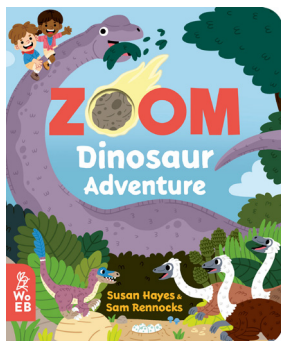
36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920396

*'Breathtakingly beautiful... The perfect way to combine  
reading, learning, animals and adventures.'*

**Book Bound**







## ZOOM Dinosaur Adventure

Susan Hayes • Sam Rennocks

APR 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920457

*'A fun, easy book for your kids to enjoy, whether as a bedtime story or as a read-aloud exercise for early readers.'*

**Dino Dad Reviews**



## ZOOM Space Adventure

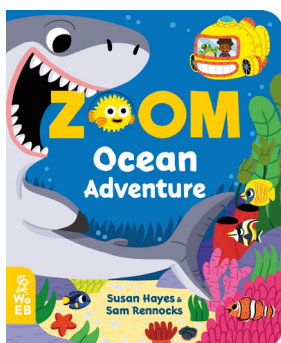
Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

JUL 2020 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

36 pp • 1+ • 9781999967970

*'Collect rock samples and learn about the planets. Watch out for the amazing countdown pages at the start!'*

**Library Girl and Book Boy**



## ZOOM Ocean Adventure

Susan Hayes • Sam Rennocks

JUL 2020 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm

36 pp • 1+ • 9781999967994

*'It's nice to see a black boy having an ocean adventure in a board book, as representation of BAME children is still rare in books for the under 3s.'*

**BookTrust**





## Literally

### Amazing Words and Where They Come From

Patrick Skipworth • Nicholas Stevenson

**A stunning non-fiction picture book about the global diversity hidden in the English language.**

MAY 2020 • £11.99 • HB • 265 x 275 mm  
32 pp • 6+ • 9781912920174

*'Patrick Skipworth's latest picture book turns on our brain when delving into the science of etymology, while Nicholas Stevenson's illustrations delight the eye.'*

**Teach Early Years Magazine**



## Planet SOS

### 22 Modern Monsters Threatening Our Environment (and What You Can Do to Defeat Them!)

Marie G. Rohde

**An illustrated call to action for eco-heroes of all ages.**

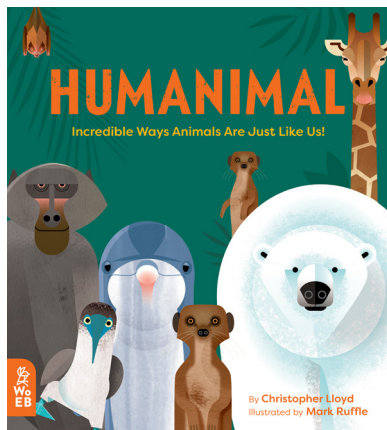
APR 2020 • £14.99 • HB•  
300 x 240 mm • 60 pp • 7+ • 9781912920211

*'Mixing real-world climate threats with myth and legend is an utterly genius idea and this book is one of the most impressive titles on the subject we've seen to date on the blog.'*

**Read it, Daddy!**

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## Humanimal Incredible Ways Animals are Just Like Us!

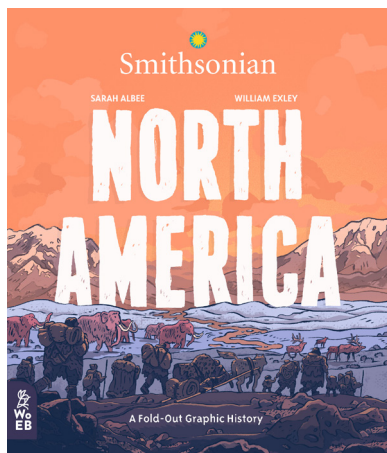
Christopher Lloyd • Mark Ruffle

**A fascinating book uncovering the curious connections between humans and other animals.**

OCT 2019 • £12.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm  
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920006

*'A highly interesting account of animal behaviour brought alive by Mark Ruffle's vibrant illustrations.'*

**Irish Examiner**



## North America A Fold-Out Graphic History

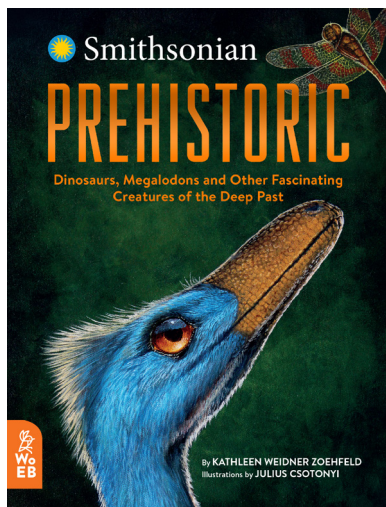
Sarah Albee • William Exley

**A richly illustrated, foldout graphic history of the United States, Mexico and the islands of the Caribbean.**

OCT 2019 • £14.99 • HB • 294 x 249 mm  
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920044

*'North America as a fold-out graphic history presents a mind-boggling amount of information in a creative, imaginative way that often challenges our perceptions.'*

**Armadillo Magazine**



## Prehistoric

Dinosaurs, Megalodons and Other Fascinating Creatures of the Deep Past

Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld • Julius Csotonyi

Travel back hundreds of millions of years, stopping in frozen ice ages, lush prehistoric rainforests and ancient oceans along the way.

SEP 2019 • £12.99 • HB • 280 x 216 mm  
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920044

*'This is the perfect book for dinosaur lovers...  
The perfect book for curious kids who love finding out what life was like in prehistoric times.'*

**Read It, Daddy!**



## Ocean

Secrets of the Deep

Sabrina Weiss • Giulia De Amicis

The perfect gift for children fascinated by ocean creatures, habitats and conservation.

APR 2019 • £14.99 • HB • 295 x 215 mm  
72 pp • 8+ • 9781999968052

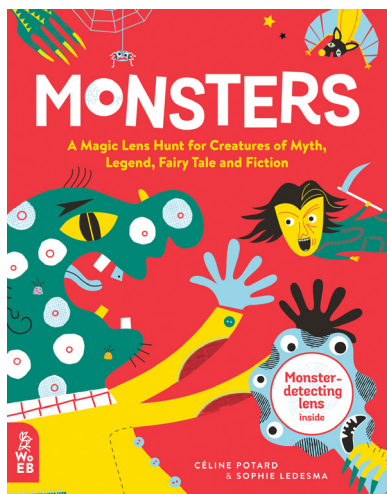
*'The stylised, clear pictures are accompanied by detailed captions. It is a book I would wholeheartedly recommend.'*

**Armadillo Magazine**

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## Monsters

A Magic Lens Hunt for Creatures of Myth, Legend, Fairy Tale and Fiction

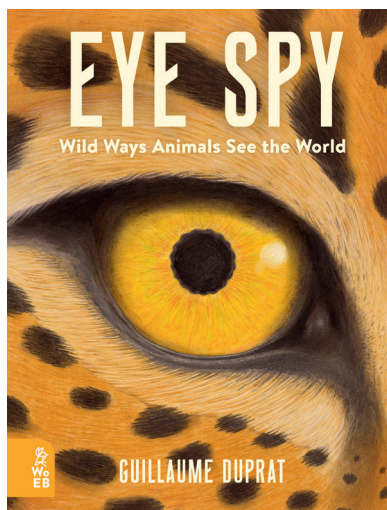
Céline Potard • Sophie Ledesma

Investigate haunted castles, spooky forests and even outer space with a monster-revealing magic lens!

MAY 2019 • £14.99 • HB • 310 x 240 mm  
32 pp • 6+ • 9781999968045

*'The pages have colourful abstract scenes of woodlands or castles, but when you use the magic lens you can see the monsters hidden within the images.'*

**Juno Magazine**



## Eye Spy

Wild Ways Animals See the World

Guillaume Duprat

A truly eye-opening experience guaranteed to fuel and satisfy the curiosity of any animal lover.

OCT 2018 • £14.99 • HB • 330 x 245 mm  
36 pp • 7+ • 9781999802844

*'A beautifully put-together book exploring the different ways animals see.'*

**Financial Times**

*'Eye-mazing!'*

**National Geographic Kids Magazine**



## Explorer Series



### Explorer Plants!

Nick Forshaw • William Exley

This fascinating book features more than 100 plants from around the world, with a 2-metre fold-out timeline.

MAR 2019 • £9.99 • HB • 240 x 240 mm  
38 pp + 8pp timeline • 7+ • 9780995576612

*'The perfect way to turn your young naturalists into experts!'*

**Lancashire Evening Post**

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### Explorer Bugs!

Nick Forshaw • William Exley

Leave no stone unturned and uncover the fascinating world of bugs – includes a 2-metre fold-out timeline.

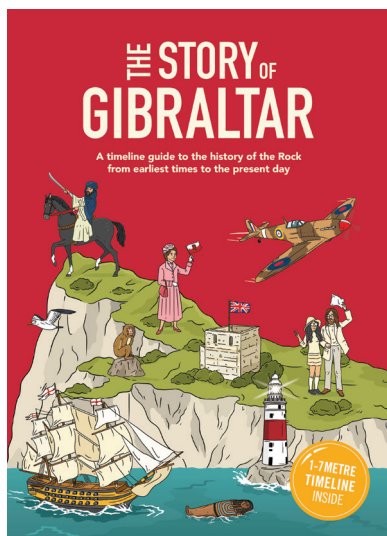
APR 2018 • £9.99 • HB • 240 x 240 mm  
38 pp + 8pp timeline • 7+ • 9780995576605

*'Stunning.'*

**The Teaching Booth**

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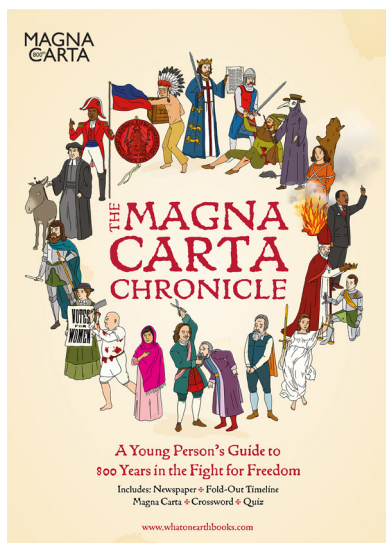


## The Story of Gibraltar

Patrick Skipworth • Andy Forshaw

Explore the history of the Rock, from millions of years ago to today, with this visually stunning timeline!

OCT 2017 • £14.95 • HB • 297 x 210 mm  
24 pp • 7+ • 9780995577046



## The Magna Carta Chronicle

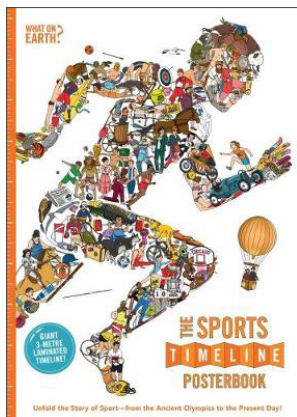
A Young Person's Guide to 800 Years in the Fight for Freedom

Christopher Lloyd • Andy Forshaw

Explore the fight for freedom, from the Magna Carta to today, with this visually stunning timeline of key moments in civil rights!

APR 2015 • £8.99 • PB • 297 x 218 mm  
24 pp • 7+ • 9780993019913

## Timeline Posterbook Series



### The Sports Timeline Posterbook

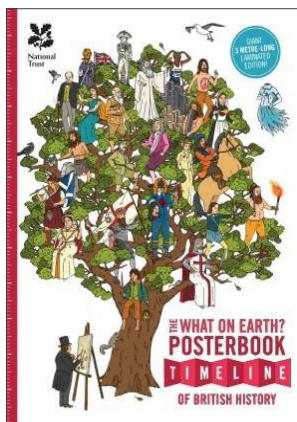
Unfold the Story of Sport – from the Ancient Olympics to the Present Day!

Christopher Lloyd • Andy Forshaw

OCT 2014 • £25.00 • PB • 7+ • 533 x 381 mm  
8pp timeline • 9780992924942



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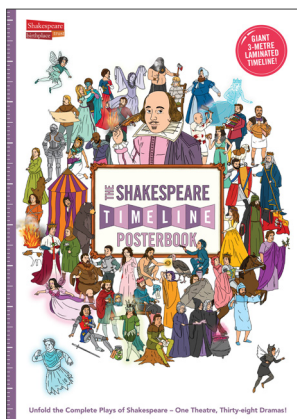
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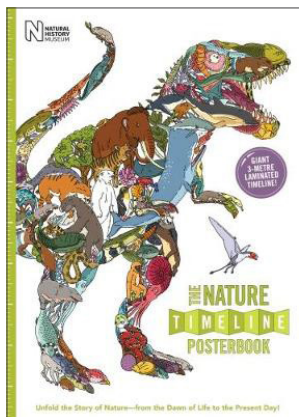
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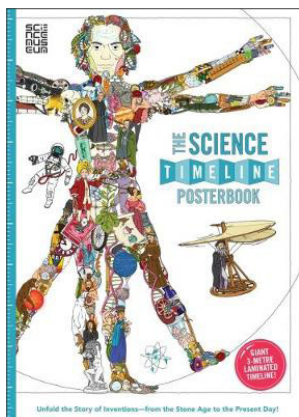
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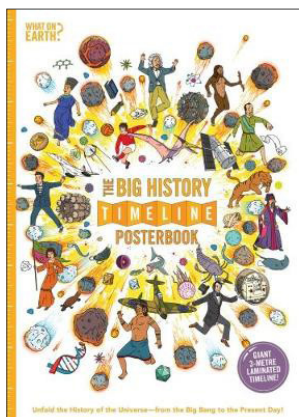
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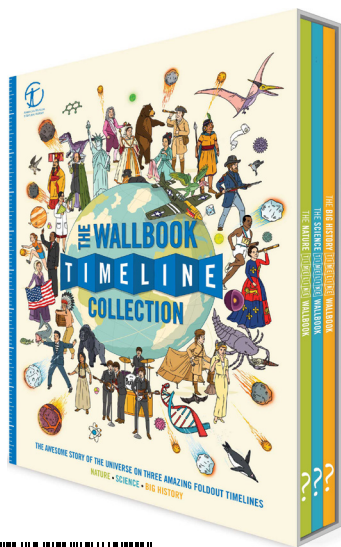
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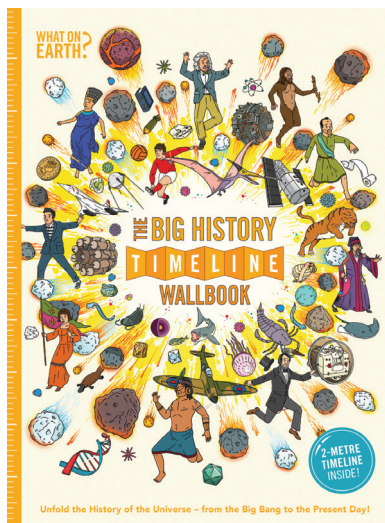


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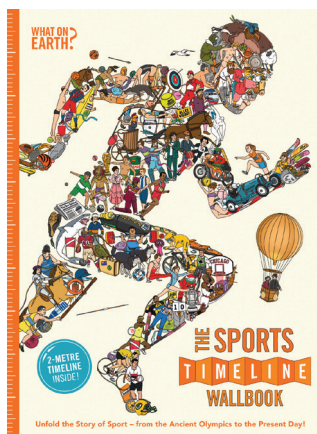
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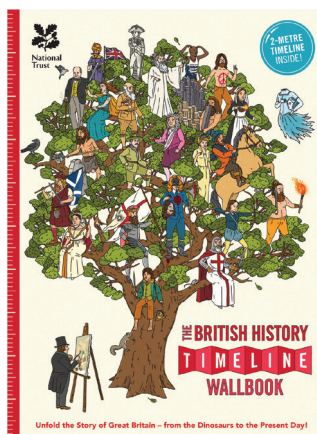


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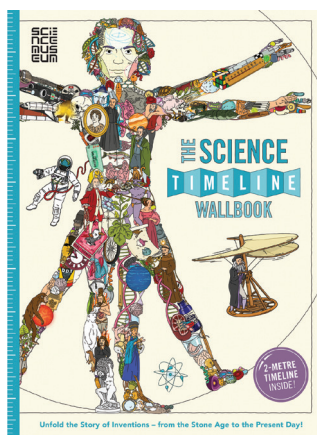


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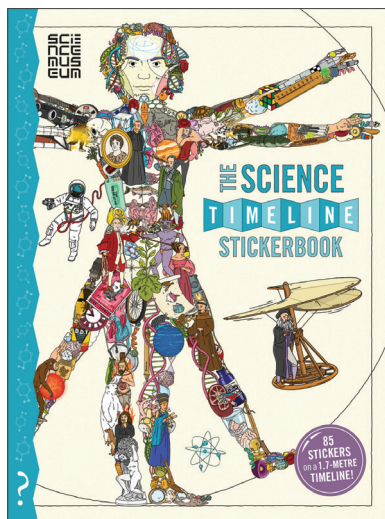


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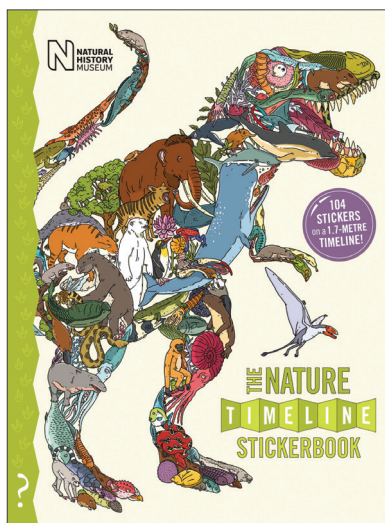
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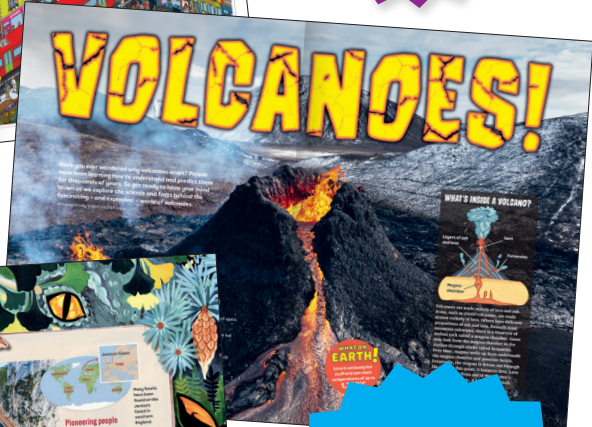
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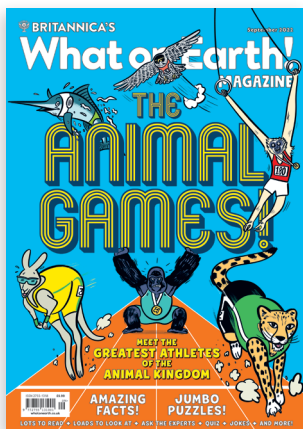


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